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TO AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

REF: PRAGUE 680

1. FYI. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WISH EXTEND AGREEMENT FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR IN ORDER TO CONTINUE MAINTAIN IMPRESSION THAT WE CAN LIVE WITHOUT THE AGREEMENT AND ARE AGREEING TO A SHORT-TERM EXTENSION ONLY TO AVOID QUESTION OF SUSPENSION OF SERVICES AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME. ALTHOUGH PAN AM WOULD marginally PREFER TWO YEAR EXTENSION, IT DOES NOT OBJECT TO ONE YEAR EXTENSION. GIVEN EVOLVING PAN AM CONCEPTS RE WHICH SERVICES SHOULD BE CONTINUED AND WHICH SUSPENDED, WE BELIEVE SHORT TERM EXTENSION WOULD ALSO BE DESIRABLE IN EVENT PAN AM MIGHT DECIDE IN SHORT-TERM TO ADD PRAGUE TO LIST OF SUSPENDED SERVICE POINTS. END FYI.

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2. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM CZECHS THAT WE ARE PREPARED AGREE TO AN EXTENSION FOR ONLY ONE YEAR AT THIS TIME. SINCE CZECHS APPEAR READY DO BUSINESS ON THIS BASIS, DEPARTMENT ASSUMES EMBASSY CAN PROCEED TO DEVELOP AGREED TEXTS FOR NOTE EXCHANGE.

3. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF PROPOSED EMBASSY NOTE AND MFA RESPONSE. IT IS DESIRABLE THAT TEXTS OF NOTES BE AGREED UPON IN ADVANCE SO THAT NOTES CAN BE EXCHANGED SAME DAY.

4. US NOTE:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC SIGNED AT PRAGUE ON FEBRUARY 28, 1969, AND TO THE PROTOCOL OF MAY 24, 1972, WHICH EXTENDED THAT AGREEMENT, WITH MODIFICATIONS, UNTIL MAY 31, 1974. ALTHOUGH MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE X OF THE AGREEMENT HAVE NOT YET BEEN ACHIEVED, MY GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO AGREE TO A FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT, WITH A MODIFICATION, IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE CONTINUATION OF AIR SERVICES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AFTER MAY 31, 1974.

ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE, ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT, THAT:

1. THE ROUTE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A OF THE SCHEDULE ATTACHED TO THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIA POINTS IN IRELAND, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, DENMARK, AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO PRAGUE AND BEYOND VIA INTERMEDIATE POINTS TO INDIA AND BEYOND TO THE UNITED STATES, IN BOTH DIRECTIONS".

2. THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED ABOVE, AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROTOCOL OF MAY 24, 1972, BE EXTENDED THROUGH MAY 31, 1975.

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IF THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR REPLY TO THAT EFFECT CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AMENDING AND EXTENDING THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOL WHICH SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF YOUR REPLY.

5. CZECH RESPONSE:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO REPLY TO YOUR NOTE OF TODAY'S
DATE, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:
(TEXT OF US NOTE).

I HAVE THE HONOR TO CONFIRM THAT THE PROPOSAL SET FORTH
IN YOUR NOTE IS ACCEPTABLE TO MY GOVERNMENT AND THAT YOUR
NOTE AND MY REPLY CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO
GOVERNMENTS AMENDING AND EXTENDING THE AIR TRANSPORT
AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOL WHICH ENTERS INTO FORCE ON TODAY'S
DATE.

6. DEPARTMENT DESIRES THAT NOTE EXCHANGE BE COMPLETED
NO LATER THAN MAY 22, THE DATE ON WHICH PAN AM PLANS
OPERATE TO PRAGUE VIA COPENHAGEN. EMBASSY SHOULD REPORT
ANY PROPOSED CHANGES IN TEXTS FOR DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE.
CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY TO SIGN WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN
SUCH AUTHORITY IS OBTAINED. KISSINGER

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